

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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No. 1024-0009

REVIEW SHEET

B-4201

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 809 SOUTH ANN STREET, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND Project No.: _____

Historic District: FELLS POINT
1-22-88 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State
2-16-88 date complete information received by State _____
_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____
Inspection of property by State staff? ☐ no ☒ yes date(s): 6-23-86

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.
☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:	
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric	_____ Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time	_____ Moved property
	_____ Preliminary determination of listing	_____ State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	_____ for district	_____ Recommendation different from the applicant's request
	_____ for individual property	
	_____ Significance less than 50 years old	

NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.	
2	(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>18TH, 19TH, EARLY 20TH (1930)</u>	
	(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling _____ association _____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.	
	(3) For properties less than 50 years old: _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.	
	(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____. _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. _____ Other, explain: _____	
	B. Evaluation of the property: _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and: _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation. _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.	

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT CIRCA 1885, THIS STRUCTURE IS A TYPICAL THREE STORY, TWO BAY, ITALIANATE ROWHOUSE. THE INTERIOR OF THIS STRUCTURE HAS BEEN ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY. MANY OF THE WALLS, CEILINGS AND ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS WERE REMOVED BY A PREVIOUS OWNER WHO BEGAN AN EXTENSIVE MODERNIZATION OF THE INTERIOR. IN SPITE OF THAT FACT, SOME WINDOW AND DOOR TRIM, DOORS AND THE STAIRCASE REMAIN INTACT.

ONLY THE EXTERIOR REAR FACADE HAS BEEN ALTERED BY THE PREVIOUS OWNER. THIS INCLUDED THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STORY MASONRY WALL AND THE INSTALLATION OF T-11 WOOD SIDING, MODERN WINDOWS AND SECOND FLOOR SLIDING GLASS DOORS.

EVEN THOUGH IT HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED, THIS OFFICE BELIEVES THAT 809 SOUTH ANN ST. CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FELS POINT HISTORIC DISTRICT.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY,

a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

Date

3-1-88

State Official Signature



☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

Date

NPS Reviewer

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 809 South Ann Street Baltimore, MD 21231
Address of property: 809 South Ann Street Baltimore, MD 21231
City Baltimore County _____ State MD Zip Code 21231
Name of historic district: Fells Point

☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name Franklyn M. Thompson Title Consultant
Street P.O. Box 207 City Wilmington
State DE Zip 19899 Telephone Number (during day): (302) 654-1727

4. Owner:

Name Robert Pitts
Street 3501 Marmenco Court City Baltimore
State MD Zip 21230 Telephone Number (during day): (301) 789-0700

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature X Robert D Pitts Date 1-21-88

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 80.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION - PART 1

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809 South Ann Street Baltimore, MD
PROPERTY NAME
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PROPERTY ADDRESS

Robert Pitts

OWNER NAME/SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAXPAYER ID NUMBER

Robert Pitts

5. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

809 South Ann Street in Baltimore, MD is a three story Italianate rowhouse two bays wide. It is the fifth house in a nine house row which occupies most of the east side of the 800 block, between Lancaster and Thames Streets. The facade is brick, laid in common bond. There are flat lintels above the five window openings and the main entrance on the facade, surrounded by louvered shutters on the first floor. Above the third floor there is a bracketed cornice with dentils underneath. The front entrance is in the northernmost bay on the first floor, but an original entrance door with panels surrounded by sidelights remains on the southern side behind the alley entrance. The original front door is missing, but what may be the original leaded transom glass above the front entrance is still intact. The rear wall on the second floor had been removed by the previous owner.

The interior is as shown in the accompanying floor plan and photographs. It has been altered significantly since the time of construction. Many of the walls, ceilings, and architectural detail were removed by the previous owner, who began an extensive modernization of the interior.

Date of Construction: C. 1885 Source of Date: City Directories, Deed Records

Date(s) of Alteration(s) Interior demolition prior to July, 1987

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

809 South Ann Street is located in the Fells Point Historic District in south east Baltimore, Maryland. The district is significant as the first site of what is now Maryland's largest city, Baltimore. William Fell, son of the first settler here, erected the first shipyard in this region in the mid-18th century. This ideally situated piece of land was accessible to both the Chesapeake Bay and extensive timber tracts for shipbuilding. By the 19th century, the invention of the steamship spelled doom for the Fells Point shipbuilding industry, but trade remained a major source of income for the port. Coffee clippers from South America and fishing vessels from local waters docked side by side in Fells Point throughout the nineteenth century. By the turn of the century, however, the larger steamships and freight carrying vessels abandoned Fells Point for larger, deepwater facilities in the outer harbor. Manufacturing and industry took over the waterfront here, leaving what remains today as a neighborhood of mixed use where turn of the century manufacturing buildings and rows of nineteenth century rowhouses are being preserved side by side.

809 South Ann Street was constructed in the 1850s according to census records, atlases, and land use records. The earliest deed available is a lease record of Bertha Lukowska, who held the property in the early 20th century until 1933. The 1890 Sanborn Atlas shows a three story rowhouse on this lot, with a drugstore on the first floor. The 1880 census lists William McDonald, a ship's carpenter, as the owner. The 1869 Bird's Eye View of Baltimore map shows a gable roofed house on this lot, which may be the same structure before the roof was raised, a common practice in the late nineteenth century.

Photographs and maps Attached

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no

KEY TO MAPS

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809 S. Ann Street
Block 1862 Lot 021
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

